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REPORT.

VALUATION OF ALTON.

Real estate, No. of acres, 35,605 ; value,	$3,936 44	
Personal estate, including polls,	1,204 54	
Total value,		$5,140 98

	No.	Value.	Average Value.
Polls,	378	$37,800	$100 00
Horses,	282	17,215	61 00
Oxen,	175	10,222	58 41
Cows,	511	13,595	26 60
Neat stock,	562	12,968	23 07
Sheep,	538	1,739	3 23

Total amount of taxes raised,		$8,810 60
State tax,	$1,212 00	
County tax,	1,377 90	
School tax,	1,560 50	
Town tax,	1,000 00	
Percentage,	196 22	
Highway tax,	3,000 00	
Percentage,	84 59	
Schoolhouse tax,	239 39	
Dox tax,	140 00	
Whole amount of taxes,		$8,810 60

Tax on poll, money, $1 04. Highway, $0 60.

RECEIPTS INTO THE TREASURY.

Whole amount of taxes charged to Collector Sleeper,		$8,810 60
Cash in treasury March 1, 1885,	$1,766 12	
of County of Belknap,	55 00	
Town of Barnstead,	1,326 00	
State Treasurer, bounties,	49 20	
County of Belknap,	50 00	
Town of Farmington,	517 67	
State Treasurer, R. R. tax,	378 90	
" savings bank tax,	1,334 31	
" literary fund,	153 11	
County of Belknap,	64 86	
City of Dover,	109 75	
D. P. Evans,	35 89	
A. S. French, by note,	100 00	
Jonas Sleeper, by note,	200 00	6,140 81
		$14,951 41

EXPENDITURES.

Paid I. D. Stewart, printing town reports,	$ 32 00
E. B. Lane, stationery,	15 31
P. H. Wheeler, return of births and deaths,	9 25
R. M. Gray, " "	1 00
State tax,	1,212 00
County tax,	1,377 90
J. N. Avery, use of water trough, year 1885,	3 00
S. D. Hill, " " "	3 00
Chas. G. Drew, " " "	3 00
J. A. Mooney, " " "	3 00
	$2,659 46

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid Joseph Dore, road hearing, 1884,	$	1 85
John L. Gerrish, schoolhouse tax, district No. 20,		10 00
C. S. Glidden, damage to domestic animals by dogs,		14 00
T. D. Langley, cost of court and commissioner's in road case,		176 69
S. E. Gilman, road hearing, 1884,		3 22
N. J. Sampson, damage to horse,		25 00
Eben Hayes, sheep damage, 1884,		7 00
C. H. Tebbitts, sheep damage, 1884,		5 00
Geo. W. Berry, fitting wood,		1 00
J. S. Morrill, sheep damage by dogs, 1884,		10 00
B. Glidden, " "		10 00
Levi Gilman, " "		5 00
J. W. Currier, attorney in Twombly road case,		82 70
J. W. Currier, attorney in D. Flanders' guardianship,		20 00
E. P. Stockbridge, land damage, new road,		35 00
C. G. Drew, " "		25 00
S. E. Furber, " "		150 00
Sophronia Nutter, " "		80 00
John Crockett, " "		100 00
C. M. Lang, " "		87 50
Joseph Drew, " "		87 50
" " "		10 00
Julia Coffin, " "		25 00
Mrs. J. D. Proctor, " "		43 75
Jennie M. Proctor, " "		43 75
L. A. Proctor, " "		87 50
" for cattle pass,		35 00
Joseph Drew, "		35 00
John H. Caldron, building new road,		2,785 00
L. S. Nute, cashing check,		1 79
S. Durgin, sheep damage by dogs, 1885		4 00
Ellen E. Flanders, " "		5 00
Lewis A. Proctor, " "		3 00

Paid J. Jones & Son, books for scholars,	$ 3 00
Geo. F. Savage, for boards,	15 17
E. A. Hibbard, for advice,	2 00
E. P. Thompson, copy of report road case,	2 00
J. E. Fernald & Son, printing notices,	1 25
Lewis & Vaughan, printing road notices,	1 25
A. L. Rollins, for surveyors and dinner on perambulation of town lines,	6 25
Samuel Morrison, sheep damage by dogs, 1885,	3 50
L. B. Place, sheep damage by dogs, 1885,	3 50
J. H. Fifield, for boards,	10 00
E. B. Lane, for receipts and order book,	1 25
J. W. Currier, legal advice,	11 00
	$4,075 42

PAUPER BILLS.

Paid Mrs. Joseph Dore, aid to Geo. H. Brown,	$10 00
P. H. Wheeler, medical aid to Geo. H. Brown,	6 00
L. B. Place, aid to Nellie F. Marshall,	23 00
P. H. Wheeler, aid to Eli Garland family,	36 50
" " Mary H. Nutter,	7 75
" " Daniel B. Clough,	27 00
A. H. Giles, aid to H. A. Joy,	10 00
J. Jones & Son, aid to Mary H. Nutter,	78 00
C. V. Coffin, " "	24 00
D. P. Evans, aid to Sarah Smith,	16 00
J. Jones & Son, aid to J. D. Flanders,	4 75
" " Byron Brown,	3 00
" " Mrs. I. S. B. Foss,	20 38
" " A. Stockbridge,	19 50
Mooney & Varney, aid to D. B. Clough,	14 00
" " J. D. Flanders,	3 00
Geo. F. Savage, aid to transient paupers,	6 00
P. H. Wheeler, medical aid to D. Wilkinson,	50 00
	$358 88

PAID FOR SCHOOLS.

Paid district No.	1,	$ 68 38
	2,	104 56
	3,	139 47
	4,	97 04
	5,	548 59
	6,	100 94
	7,	69 49
	8,	32 13
	9,	86 80
	11,	102 61
	12,	148 11
	13,	88 00
	14,	81 86
	15,	63 39
	16,	71 97
	17,	83 16
	18,	69 00
	19,	57 29
	20,	67 68
		$2,080 47

Due schools, $129 98.

Paid bounties on 492 woodchucks,	$ 49 20
Abatement of taxes, 1885,	70 86
Amount of summer highway taxes worked,	3,620 50
Amount expended for breaking roads,	1,201 38

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Paid Lafayette Woodman, supervisor,	$ 6 00
Jonas Sleeper, collector,	100 00
W. A. Merrill, school committee,	85 00
John W. Currier, town clerk,	40 05

Paid A. H. Sawyer, town treasurer,	$ 12 00
L. S. Nute, "	35 00
Amos L. Rollins, selectman,	124 00
Amos L. Rollins, recording inventory and keeping school books,	20 00
Amos L. Rollins, railroad fare and expenses out of town,	13 56
Joseph A. Mooney, selectman,	95 00
" expense for team,	3 75
Alonzo S. French, selectman,	97 00
Alonzo S. French, expenses out of town and teams,	8 00
Overseers of the poor,	18 50
Frank H. Wadleigh, supervisor,	6 00
Auditors,	10 00
D. H. Morrison, supervisor,	6 00
	$679 86

WINTER HIGHWAY WORK FOR YEARS 1884–5.

Daniel Hayes,	$ 2 03
L. S. Nute,	30
W. McIntire,	62
Jacob Chamberlin,	5 06
George P. Mills,	1 87
A. H. Sawyer,	1 50
C. V. Coffin,	2 97
G. W. Berry,	1 37
G. W. Place,	13 70
C. Y. Thing,	50
Nathan Chesley,	50
J. K. Granville,	18 25
Henry and R. B. Hurd,	4 06
D. F. Gilman,	2 75
John Seavey,	1 75
Allen Roberts,	2 12
Daniel Watson,	6 50
Eli Brown,	2 50

E. F. Goodwin,	$ 3 12
Simon Straw,	6 87
L. A. Proctor,	10 37
G. H. Seward,	4 04
Joseph Drew,	5 00
Samuel Young,	5 50
S. O. Wallingford,	1 75
A. B. Lang,	2 25
J. L. Gerrish,	75
Simeon Durgin,	3 13
George Goodell,	5 75
C. L. Pinkham,	50
A. V. Kenniston,	6 87
Nathaniel Stevens,	4 00
Almira Bradley,	50
J. W. M. Kimball,	25 00
Josiah Dearborn,	10 63
C. W. Ayers,	4 58
C. H. Tebbetts,	2 25
J. Q. Adams,	5 68
Mary J. Varney,	5 25
Seth C. Walker,	2 69
O. L. French,	5 15
E. Hayes,	14 65
J. McDuffee,	3 50
A. J. Varney,	50
J. C. Clough,	3 00
F. H. Furber,	3 40
H. S. Wells,	1 50
A. S. Davis,	4 00
S. D. Hill,	25
J. Watson,	3 23
C. F. Rand,	37
E. O. Prescott,	1 75
J. Prescott,	1 13
A. N. Nutter,	2 37
C. Getchell,	17 28
C. C. Rines,	8 40
F. W. Getchell,	5 05
M. W. Brown,	19 37

R. Roberts,	$14 50
I. J. Chamberlin,	2 00
I. C. Chamberlin,	10 64
A. Huckins,	11 50
B. F. Furber,	10 64
O. E. Davis,	9 25
E. G. Sleeper,	12 50
J. Avery,	50
A. E. Avery,	4 00
W. H. Hayes,	75
J. C. Page,	3 30
A. H. Hayes,	4 12
O. J. M. Gilman,	5 25
J. A. Mooney,	4 00
M. Bennett,	4 00
P. D. Gooch,	1 12
M. D. Gooch,	1 38
J. B. Mooney,	50
D. B. Morse,	20 00
D. Lamper,	18 75
A. G. Ellis,	17 72
E. G. Ellis,	4 40
W. Jones,	2 12
J. J. Nutter,	4 40
Israel Sawyer,	5 62
J. D. Flanders,	5 50
J. A. Johnson,	7 50
J. H. Johnson,	8 25
Frank Adams,	5 75
J. H. Kimball,	4 50
G. E. Nute,	3 87
E. S. Batchelder,	7 68
C. H. Foss,	7 94
Mary J. Jones,	3 94
J. M. Lamprey,	9 94
T. G. Ricker,	3 06
C. W. Rollins,	2 88
S. E. Rollins,	10 37
Calvin Rollins,	14 87
Jonas Sleeper,	9 12

J. E. Smith,	$ 3 06
C. S. Glidden,	14 12
S. G. Flanders,	16 74
Clark Perkins,	3 90
L. E. Avery,	3 78
C. W. Dore,	2 25
O. D. Glidden.	2 50
C. H. Packard,	1 37
E. Warner,	3 41
S. S. Gilman,	8 42
H. A. Flanders,	4 71
D. and C. E. Hodgdon,	9 00
Thomas Varney,	21 00
H. D Woodman,	1 50
H. O. Tuttle,	7 25
J. B. Evans,	1 00
Eli Garland,	6 00
S. T. Roberts,	5 00
S. E. Roberts,	9 75
A. B. Flanders,	13 92
L. G. Page,	15 98
Levi Gilman,	4 38
J. L. Rollins,	10 29
G. L. Ames,	5 51
F. Flanders heirs,	3 43
G. W. Ricker,	3 59
Israel Myers,	1 02
S. Jones,	4 19
J. S. Morse heirs,	5 82
S. E. P. Gilman,	2 88
H. J. Glidden,	1 81
Alvah Young,	5 25
J. C. Young,	25
C. E. Young,	2 13
Moses Young,	2 38
A. Ellis,	8 00
D. Wilkinson,	25
J. L. Cooley,	2 37
J. W. Currier,	56
H. Evans,	44

E. Hayes,	$ 5 29
W. Hayes,	5 29
S. D. Hurd,	50
C. C. Mooney,	4 62
H. J. McDuffee,	1 25
Chas. Rollins,	5 75
C. K. Rollins,	63
J. C. Varney,	2 13
B. F. Whitehouse,	6 28
H. Clark,	3 50
F. B. Coffin,	23 87
A. Smith,	2 00
C. H. Clough,	1 87
C. W. Dore,	1 39
L. B. Place,	5 88
C. L. Place,	2 39
C. P. Hayes,	4 31
J. B. Place,	1 56
W. A. Chamberlin,	12 00
W. P. Trask,	11 50
D. S. Lougee,	7 07
S. E. Furber,	8 00
A. Berry,	88
N. Evans,	1 69
A. S. French,	4 50
T. D. Varney,	3 25
S. D. Watson,	1 53
C. H. Downing,	1 91
H. W. Perkins,	1 92
I. B. Gilman,	12 54
B. P. Marston,	2 37
J. Woodman,	9 12
J. F. Chesley,	1 88
J. F. Hanson,	14 63
J. E. Berry,	8 26
A. P. and A. J. Gilman,	26 00
S. E. P. Gilman,	8 88
S. Jones,	1 88
J. S. Morse heirs,	1 63
C. A. Perkins,	12 80

J. K. Jones,	$ 4 00
J. G. W. Jones,	81
C. A. Twombly,	4 50
B. L. Frohock,	13 37
W. H. Berry,	5 46
R. W. Evans,	4 75
F. McDuffee heirs,	15 62
E. G. Rollins,	30 00
L. M. Rollins,	11 41
S. Shagnon,	5 00
J. A. Cate,	3 37
E. K. Cate,	6 25
B. F. Lucas,	2 75
J. Nason,	16 50
C. B. Rines,	2 13
L. F. Woodman,	5 00
D. H. Morrison,	24 04
S. Morrison,	9 00
J. W. Howard,	12 53
S. Cotton,	4 03
T. J. Dudley,	1 32
D. Lamper,	8 25
C. H. Ricker,	1 50
	$1,201 38

RECAPITULATION.

Paid Expenditures,	$2,659 46
Miscellaneous,	4,075 42
Paupers,	358 88
Abatements,	70,86
Schools,	2,080 47
Bounties,	49 20
Officers,	679 86
Highway work, summer,	3,620 50
" winter,	1,201 38
Total expenditures,	$14,796 03
Whole amount of taxes and receipts,	$14,951 41
Expenditures,	14,796 03
Cash in treasury,	$155 38

LIABILITIES.

Due Schools,		$129 96
" Dist. No. 5,		20 96
" Dist. No. 17,		30 00
" Dog tax,		114 00
Due on notes outstanding against town,		300 00
Outstanding bills, by estimation,		125 00
Total liabilities,		719 92
Cash assets,	$155 38	
Notes due town,	183 42	—338 80
Net indebtedness,		$381 12

AMOS L. ROLLINS,
JOSEPH A. MOONEY,
ALONZO S. FRENCH, } Selectmen of Alton.

We, the undersigned, have carefully examined the foregoing financial account, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

CHARLES ROLLINS,
CHARLES HAYES, } Auditors.

March 1, 1886.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The foregoing report contains a synopsis of our financial transactions the past official year, which we respectfully submit to the inhabitants of Alton. The town voted to raise the sum of $1,000 for the current expenses of the year. The expense of the repair of highways in summer exceeds the tax raised by the sum of $536, caused by the heavy showers of last summer washing the roads. The cost of breaking the roads last winter exceeds the estimate made last March by the sum of $200. The cost of building the new highway and land damage, in excess of what we received of the towns of Barnstead and Farmington, amounts to $1,786.33. The town at the last annual meeting made no provision for the expense of building said road, and we have paid for the same out of money remaining in the treasury of last year. Thus it will be seen that in building the road, and the excess of repairs of highways in summer over the tax raised, and the cost of breaking the road above the estimate, has changed our financial standing from last year and our treasury is now empty.

AMOS L. ROLLINS,
JOSEPH A. MOONEY,
ALONZO S. FRENCH,
} Selectmen of Alton.

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE

TOWN OF ALTON.

CASH RECEIVED.

1885.				
March 1,	Cash on hand in the town treasury,			$1,766 12
June 16,	Cash received of Joseph A. Mooney, selectman,			55 00
" 16,	"	"	L. S. Nute, interest on note,	1 00
Aug. 21,	"	"	Amos L. Rollins, selectman,	1,326 00
" 21,	"	"	Jonas Sleeper, collector,	70 00
" 22,	"	"	Jonas Sleeper, collector,	120 00
Sept. 2,	"	"	Amos L. Rollins, selectman,	49 20
" 5,	"	"	Jonas Sleeper, collector,	100 00
" 19,	"	"	Jonas Sleeper, collector,	100 00
" 26,	"	"	Jonas Sleeper, collector,	200 00
Oct. 10,	"	"	Jonas Sleeper, collector,	90 00
" 21,	"	"	Amos L. Rollins, selectman,	50 00

Nov. 21,	Cash received of		Jonas Sleeper, collector,	$ 451 00
" 24,	"	"	Amos L. Rollins, selectman,	517 67
" 28,	"	"	Jonas Sleeper, collector,	260 00
Dec. 2,	"	"	Jonas Sleeper, collector,	75 00
" 8,	"	"	Jonas Sleeper, collector,	264 00
" 12,	"	"	Jonas Sleeper, collector,	259 00
" 23,	"	"	Jonas Sleeper, collector,	350 00
" 26,	"	"	Jonas Sleeper, collector,	220 00
1886.				
Jan. 2,	"	"	Jonas Sleeper, collector,	100 00
" 9,	"	"	Amos L. Rollins, selectman, railroad tax,	378 90
" 9,	"	"	Amos L. Rollins, selectman, savings bank,	1,334 31
" 9,	"	"	Amos L. Rollins, selectman, literary fund,	153 11
" 20,	"	"	Amos L. Rollins, selectman,	64 85
" 20,	"	"	Jonas Sleeper, collector,	90 00
" 23,	"	"	Jonas Sleeper, collector,	100,00
" 30,	"	"	Jonas Sleeper, collector,	120 00
Feb. 6,	"	"	Jonas Sleeper, collector,	60 00
" 6,	"	"	Jonas Sleeper, collector,	100 00

Feb. 19,	Cash received of	Amos L. Rollins, selectman,	$109 75
" 22,	" "	Jonas Sleeper, collector,	165 00
" 22,	" "	Amos L. Rollins, selectman,	35 89
March 1,	" "	Alonzo S. French, selectman,	100 00
" 1,	" "	Jonas Sleeper, collector,	200 00
" 1,	" "	Jonas Sleeper, collector,	506 82
			$8,916 13

CASH PAID OUT.

1885.

March 9,	paid	Joseph Dore,	per order,	$ 1 85
" 10,	"	John L. Gerrish,	"	10 00
" 17,	"	I. D. Stewart,	"	32 00
" 17,	"	E. B. Lane,	"	15 31
" 30,	"	Calvin S. Glidden,	"	14 00
" 30,	"	Thomas D. Langley,	"	176 69
" 31,	"	P. H. Wheeler,	"	9 25
April 8,	"	S. E. P. Gilman,	"	3 22
" 9,	"	Nehemiah J. Sampson,	"	25 00
" 14,	"	Eben Hayes,	"	7 00
" 14,	"	Charles H. Tebbetts,	"	5 00
" 18,	"	George W. Berry,	"	1 00
" 20,	"	John S. Morrill,	"	10 00
" 20,	"	Bethuel Glidden,	"	10 00
May 12,	"	David Lamper,	"	8 25
" 12,	"	Luther B. Place,	"	23 00
" 12,	"	Amos L. Rollins, on selectmen's account,		30 00
June 15,	"	Mrs. Joseph Dore,	per order,	10 00
" 15,	"	P. H. Wheeler,	"	6 00
" 17,	"	Alfred G. Ellis,	"	20 35

June	18,	pa'd	Aaron J. Varney. for school district No. 9,	$ 35 00
"	19,	"	Asa N. Nutter, per order,	8 50
"	19,	"	Samuel E. Furber, for school district No. 3,	46 00
"	19,	"	Ira M. Rollins, for school district No. 17,	38 00
"	19,	"	Levi Gilman, per order,	5 00
"	26,	"	Ira L. Dore, for school district No. 20,	35 00
"	26,	"	H. F. Muzzey, for school district No. 5,	200 00
"	27,	"	H. O. Tuttle, for school district No. 11,	52 61
"	27,	"	J. H. Downing, for school district No. 12,	59 46
"	30,	"	H. A. Flanders, for school district No. 6,	34 00
July	3,	"	F. H. Furber, for school district No. 7,	33 00
"	6,	"	Joseph Drew, for school district No. 2.	38 00
"	7,	"	Thos. Varney, for school district No. 18,	24 00
"	30,	"	John W. Currier, per order,	102 70
Aug.	1,	"	Ellsworth H. Rollins, "	45 00
"	24,	"	Expense to Farmington to get a check cashed,	1 79
"	25,	"	Edgar P. Stockbridge, per order,	35 00
"	26,	"	Sophronia Nutter, "	80 00
"	26,	"	William A. Merrill, "	30 00
"	29,	"	Samuel E. Furber, "	150 00
"	39,	"	Amos L. Rollins, selectman,	40 00
Sept.	1,	"	John Crockett, per order,	100 00
"	8,	"	Charlotte M. Lang, "	87 50
"	8,	"	Joseph Drew, "	87 50
"	8,	"	Joseph Drew, "	10 00
"	12,	"	John H. Caldon, "	150 00
"	12,	"	Joseph Watson, "	4 50
"	29,	"	Charles G. Drew, "	25 00

Sept.	29,	paid	John H. Caldon, per order,	$100 00
Oct.	9,	"	Ira L. Dore, for school district No. 20,	32 68
"	10,	"	Frank H. Furber, for school district No. 7,	36 49
"	10,	"	Frank H. Furber, per order,	5 32
"	16,	"	John H. Caldon, "	150 00
"	17,	"	John J. Nutter, "	7 50
"	19,	"	P. H. Wheeler, "	50 00
Nov.	6,	"	Ira M. Rollins, for school district No. 17,	45 16
"	7,	"	John H. Caldon, per order,	100 00
"	7,	"	Jennie M. Proctor "	43 75
"	7,	"	Mrs. John D. Proctor, "	43 75
"	7,	"	Lewis A. Proctor, "	87 50
"	7,	"	Lewis A. Proctor, "	35 00
"	7,	"	Hiram O. Tuttle, for school district No. 11,	50 00
"	13,	"	John H. Caldon, per order,	200 00
"	14,	"	Thomas Varney, for school district No. 8,	45 00
"	14,	"	Ellsworth H. Rollins, for school district No. 13,	43 00
"	19,	"	John H. Caldon, per order,	300 00
"	19,	"	P. H. Wheeler, "	36 50
"	21,	"	Henry F. Muzzey, for school district No. 5,	200 00
"	23,	"	John H. Caldon, per order,	800 00
"	23,	"	John H. Caldon, "	8 00
"	25,	"	D. B. Colby, "	5 32
"	25,	"	Alvah B. Flanders, for school district No. 15,	63 39
"	28,	"	John F. Hanson, for school district No. 1,	68 38
Dec.	8,	"	Aaron J. Varney, for school district No. 9,	51 80
"	8,	"	Jos. Drew, for school district No. 2,	66 56
"	8,	"	Joseph Drew, per order,	35 00
"	8,	"	Jonathan H. Downing, for school district No. 12,	88 65

Dec.	15,	paid	Albert R. Page, for school district No. 8,	$ 32 13
"	16,	"	George H. Leavitt, per order,	10 00
"	16,	"	John H. Caldon, "	685 00
"	16,	"	E. A. Coffin, "	1 68
"	28,	"	Benjamin P. Marston, for school district No. 16,	71 97
"	30,	"	Morrison Bennett, for school district No. 4,	97 04
1886.				
Jan.	1,	"	David Lamper, for school district No. 14,	81 86
"	1,	"	Thomas J. Dudley, per order,	1 32
"	7,	"	Solon A. Carter, state treasurer, state tax,	1,212 00
"	20,	"	Wm. F. Knight, county treasurer,	1,377 90
"	20,	"	Julia A. Coffin, per order,	25 00
"	20,	"	Geo. H. Leavitt, "	9 00
Feb.	2,	"	Samuel E. Furber, for school district No. 3,	93 47
"	3,	"	Hiram A. Flanders, for school district No. 6,	66 94
"	6,	"	Henry F. Muzzey, for school district No. 5,	148 59
"	6,	"	A. H. Giles, per order,	10 00
"	6,	"	Charles G. Drew, "	15 49
"	13,	"	P. H. Wheeler, "	7 75
"	19,	"	J. Jones & Son, "	78 00
"	20,	"	Cyrus V. Coffin, "	24 00
"	20,	"	P. H. Wheeler, "	27 00
"	20,	"	Martha J. Sawyer, "	12 00
"	22,	"	Charles H. Foss, for school district No. 19,	57 29
"	22,	"	D. P. Evans, per order,	16 00
"	24,	"	Ellen E. Flanders, "	5 00
"	24,	"	Simeon Durgin, "	4 00
"	24,	"	Lewis A. Proctor, "	3 00
"	25,	"	H. O. Tuttle, "	4 51
"	27,	"	E. B. Lane, "	1 25
"	27,	"	Samuel Morrison, "	3 50

Feb. 27,	paid	L. B. Place,	per order,	$ 3 50
March 1,	"	W. A. Merrill,	"	55 00
" 1,	"	D. H. Morrison,	"	6 00
" 1,	"	Frank H. Wadleigh,	"	6 00
" 1,	"	John H. Caldon,	"	300 00
" 1,	"	John W. Currier,	"	11 00
" 1,	"	Joseph A. Mooney,	selectman,	120 15
" 1,	"	Alonzo S. French,	"	135 92
" 1,	"	Amos L. Rollins,	selectman, balance account,	147 75
" 1,	"	L. S. Nute, treasurer,		35 00
" 1,	"	Charles Hayes, auditor,		5 00
" 1,	"	Charles Rollins,	"	5 00
				$8,760 75

Cash received,	$8,916 13	
Cash paid,	8,760 75	
Cash in treasury,		$155 38

L. S. NUTE, Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, having examined the foregoing account, find it properly vouched and correctly cast.

CHARLES ROLLINS, }
CHARLES HAYES, } Auditors.

March 1, 1886.

SCHOOL REPORT.

The whole amount of money raised by tax for the support of schools in town for the year ending March 1st, 1886, is $1,760.50; amount of literary fund, $142.80; amount of railroad tax appropriated for support of schools, $131.92; dog tax, $101.00. Entire amount of school revenue, $2,136.22. Twenty-six different teachers (4 males and 22 females) have been employed in teaching 36 terms of school, averaging 9 2-9 weeks each. Whole number of weeks schooling for the year, 332; number of different scholars registered, 266; number that studied arithmetic, 208; algebra, 17; grammar, 106; geography, 105; history, 18; book-keeping, 16; physiology, 25; composition, 36; map drawing, 21; reading and spelling, 266.

District No. 1.

Prudential Committee, John F. Hanson. But one term of school in this district, of 11 weeks, taught in the fall, by Mrs. Emma R. Locke, an experienced teacher, who gave entire satisfaction, all the classes doing good work. Whole number of scholars, 6; average attendance, 6.

District No. 2.

Prudential Committee, Joseph Drew. Miss Carrie A. Lang had charge of the summer term of 8 weeks, and Miss Alice C. Burnham the fall term of 12. Both of these terms, in the judgment of your committee, were *decidedly good.* The recitations and review exercises were a credit both to scholars and teacher. Whole number registered, 7; average attendance, 6.

District No. 3.

Prudential Committee, Samuel Furber. Summer term, Miss Ada E. Mooney teacher. Miss Mooney has had large experience in teaching, and, as we should naturally expect, conducted the exercises of the school-room with grace and ease. The advancement of her classes in their studies was satisfactory. Whole number registered, 19; average attendance, 14. Winter term, Mr. Wilbert S. Davis of Farmington teacher. Whole number registered, 19; average attendance, 14. Term 10.6 weeks. Mr. D. has had some experience in teaching and is thoroughly qualified to give instruction in the various branches of study pursued in our schools. The review exercises of those present were good, and we judged the progress made to be commendable.

District No. 4.

Prudential Committee, Morrison Bennett. Fall term of 9 weeks was taught by Miss Ella G. Libby of Dover, and winter term of 5 2-5 weeks by Miss Henrietta B. Hanson, from the same place. Both teachers were highly successful in their work and succeeded in interesting and advancing their pupils to the satisfaction of your committee.

District No. 5.

Prudential Committee, Frank H. Muzzy. Mr. J. S. Richardson of Rochester had charge of the grammar school in this district for the three terms during the school year. For thoroughness in work and discipline no school in town excells this. The several classes did credit to themselves and their teacher in the exercises of the review. Whole number of different scholars registered for the year, 38; whole number registered for summer term 33, average 30; autumn term 31, average 25; winter term 33, average 30. The three terms averaged 9 weeks each.

Miss Clara M. Chesley taught the primary school. Miss C. seems to be most happily adapted to this department and succeeds in winning the favor and affection of her pupils, which prepares the way for their rapid advance-

ment in their studies. This, as well as the grammar school, made most excellent improvement. Summer term, number registered 31, average 26; fall term, number registered 30, average 22; winter term, number registered 27, average 22.

District No. 6.

Prudential Committee, Hiram Flanders. Summer term, Miss Emma S. Page teacher. Whole number registered. 15; average attendance, 13. Length of term 6 weeks, Miss Page has had some experience in teaching and her classes appeared very well and showed fair improvement, still we think a little more energy and spirit on the part of the teacher would improve her mode of teaching very much. Winter term of 10 weeks taught by Frank N. Merrill of Gilmanton. For promptness and correctness of answers given in the review exercises at the examination this school is not excelled by any in town. Whole number registered, 13; average attendance, 12.

District No. 7.

Prudential Committee, Frank H. Furber. Miss Luanna M. Hurd of Barnstead teacher for the summer term, and Miss Carrie A. Burke of South Alton for the fall term. Number of scholars registered, 9; average in attendance, 6 for the summer and 7 for the fall term, and all quite young. Both teachers were without experience and professional training for teaching, yet they seemed quite at home in their work and no doubt will become excellent teachers.

District No. 9.

Prudential Committee, A. J. Varney. Teacher for both terms, Miss Sadie Brewster of Wolfeboro', an experienced and competent instructor, who did her work faithfully and satisfactorily. All the classes made excellent progress in their studies. Whole number of scholars, 9; average attendance, 8 for fall term, and for summer whole number 8, average 7.

District No. 10.

Prudential Committee, David Lougee. Teacher, Miss Frances A. Waterhouse. Whole number of scholars, 4; average attendance, 4. Miss W. is an experienced teacher and does her work *quietly* and *well*, and pupils cannot fail to be greatly benefited who have her for their teacher. But one term of school in this district, and the same is now in session.

District No. 11.

Prudential Committee, Hiram O. Tuttle. Summer and autumn terms taught by Mrs. Julia A. Tuttle, who sustained her former excellent reputation as a teacher. Whole uumber of scholars registered for the summer term, 7; average attendance, 6; fall term, 14; average attendance, 13. The scholars made satisfactory improvement in their studies.

District No. 12.

Prudential Committee, J. H. Downing. Summer term, Miss Mabel F. Learned, a very excellent young lady, a graduate of the high school in Watertown, Mass., but not acquainted with the mode of conducting a common country school, and therefore could not take up her work so readily nor dispatch it so satisfactorily as desired, though she did very well considering all things. Some of the scholars made good improvement. Whole number registered, 18; average attendance, 13. Winter term, Mr. John P. Roberts of Great Falls. Whole number registered, 19; average attendance, 15. Length of term 10 3-5 weeks. This was Mr. R.'s first attempt at teaching and we think he made more than a fair beginning. The classes made decided improvement, although some of the scholars are not very far advanced in study, while others are very good and rank well. Mr. Roberts taught a good school.

District No. 13.

Prudential Committee, Ellsworth H. Rollins. Miss Hattie M. Roberts had charge of the summer and autumn

terms of this school. Whole number of pupils registered, summer term, 14; average attendance, 12; fall term, 9; average attendance, 7. Some of the scholars attending the summer term had moved from the district before or about the time the fall term commenced, which accounts for a less number of scholars attending this term than the summer. Miss R. taught two terms of *good* school, and commendable improvement was made by all the classes.

District No. 14.

Prudential Committee, David Lamper. One term, fall, Miss Frances A. Whitehouse teacher. Length of term 13 weeks. Number of pupils registered, 13; average attendance, 12. No. of visits by citizens 8. Miss Whitehouse labored faithfully for the good of her scholars, who made good improvement.

District No. 15.

Prudential Committee, Alvah B. Flanders. No summer term. Fall term, Miss Laura E. Brown of Gilford, who manifested much interest in behalf of her pupils and sought to lead them to a clear undersfanding of the principles involved in their work and their application. Owing to a severe storm this school was not visited a second time by your committee, but judging from our first visit and from various other sources, we feel assured that this school was a success.

District No. 16.

Prudential Committee, Benjamin Marston. Fall term only. Miss Carrie M. Sargent of Gilmanton, who has had some experience in teaching, taught this term of 16 weeks. Whose number of scholars registered, 9; average attendance, 7. Visits by parents and others, 12. This school appeared well and seemed promising at the first visit, but on the second visit only 3 scholars were present, so it was just impossible to learn what the *real* condition of the school was and the improvement made. Such a state of things is not only embarrassing to both committee and

teacher, but it is also *discreditable* to the scholars. Let parents see that their children regularly attend the schools when they are in session.

District No. 17.

Prudential Committee, Ira M. Rollins. The two terms of school in this district were taught by Miss Electa A. Furber, who took up her work very readily and easily, doing it *patiently* and *successfvlly*. The improvement made in both the terms was commendable. Summer term, registered 12 scholars, average attendance 11; fall term 11, average attendance 9.

District No. 18.

Prudential Committee, Thomas Varney. Summer term, Miss Mary A. Varney teacher. This was Miss V.'s first experience in teaching and we think she tried hard to improve her pupils, though they did tot seem to appreciate her efforts very much and so made no very marked improvement in their studies. A fall term of 10 weeks was taught by Miss N. Maud Hurd, who also was without any practical experience, but her methods of doing her work were very good and she worked faithfully for the improvement of her school, which was not without some good results. Her *oral* exercises were *remarkably good.* Whole number registered, 13; average attendance, 9. *This* seems to be a very hard school to teach, because it yields apparently so little satisfactory fruit, owing, probably, to its peculiar make-up.

District No. 19.

Prudential Committee, Charles H. Foss. Winter term, Miss May I. Davis of Lake Village, a graduate of the high school of that place and a very nice yonng lady and fine scholar. Miss D. has worked *hard* and *faithfully* to carry her scholars forward *understandingly* in each branch of their studies, and her labors have been attended with *good* results. Whole nnmber of scholars, 10; average attendance, 9. Length of term 11 weeks.

District No. 20.

Prudential Committee, Ira L. Dore. The summer and autumn terms were taught by Miss Myrtie E. Glidden of Meredith Center. Whole number of scholars registered, 11; average attendance, 8. The review exercises of these terms of school showed marked improvement in all the classes. The discipline was good and the teaching thorough, and the scholars did credit to themselves and to their teacher.

GENERAL REMARKS.

We have endeavored in the foregoing report briefly to give a general idea of the condition of the schools in town for the past year, omitting many incidents of interest, both to teachers and pupils, and to embody what we have to say in a few general observations.

It will be seen from this report that the schools, as a whole, have been successful. Only a very few indeed have failed to reach this high standard. We have been favored with a class of most excellent teachers, who have been *faithful* and *devoted* in their work, and have won the confidence and esteem of parents and scholars, as well as the commendation of your committee.

As far as practicable temperance scientific instruction, as the school law *now* requires, has been given, and the teachers have generally and very *heartily* taken hold of the work and given to it the weight of their influence.

The text book used by the older scholars is a Physiology by Dr. Blaisdell, called "Our *Bodies* and *How* we Live," and for others oral instruction from a small book called the Temperance Catechism has been given in most of the schools, so that very many of the scholars have learned more or less respecting the evil effects of alcohol when taken into the system.

In consultation with some of the citizens and parents, together with your former superintending committee, it

was thought the interests of the schools would be promoted by a change of school readers; and your committee, after learning what facts he could, bearing upon the subject, decided to make the change; and the results witnessed, in an increased interest on the part of the scholars generally in this branch of education, fully approves the wisdom of the change. Care was had to secure as reasonable terms as possible for introduction, so as not to subject the people to large expense, to supply their children with readers.

Twenty-five books have been given to as many scholars, which has saved some expense to the town, as well as o some individuals who could perhaps ill afford to meet it.

It was gratifying to notice, on looking over the registers, the names of so many scholars on the roll of honor, which included those who had not been tardy nor absent one-half day during the term. One hundred and sixty-three were found to be the number returned. One school, however, failed to report a single name upon the roll. Three hundred and ninety-five visits by parents and others were made to the schools during the school year. This record is highly commendable and evinces unusual interest in the education of the children and youth of our town, while it encourages and inspires the scholars with *higher aims* and a more determined spirit to do their duty, and thus it helps the children very much.

Another item of interest which was very gratifying to witness, in most of the schools, at the closing visit, was a *supplementary* oral exercise, which was very excellent indeed. While it showed the teacher's unwearied, painstaking effort for the benefit of the scholar, it also showed the activity of the pupil's mind and readiness to receive and retain ideas.

The recent change in the school law abolishing the *district* and establishing the *town* system, has been the occasion of both commendation and criticism.

There are those who look upon the change with much favor, and think it will be a decided gain to the cause of education, while there are *others* who can see no *real good* to result from the change,—viewing the expense involved

will *exceed*, or at least be *equal* to the advantage that may be derived; or, at best, it will *accommodate* the *few* to the *expense* of the *many*.

But evidently there can be no better way to decide this question than by giving it a *fair* trial, in the most *careful*, *wise*, *prudent* and *impartial* manner possible; then should it prove satisfactory, it may be retained: but should it not thus prove, then there may be a return to the district system again.

Thanking parents and visitors, teachers and scholars, who have lent their influence to make our schools, during the past year, a success, and expressing the hope and sincere desire that these schools may continue to improve in every excellence, and become *more* prosperous in the future than in the past, these remarks are herewith ended.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. A. MERRILL,

Superintending School Committee.

Alton, N. H., Feb. 27th, 1886.